

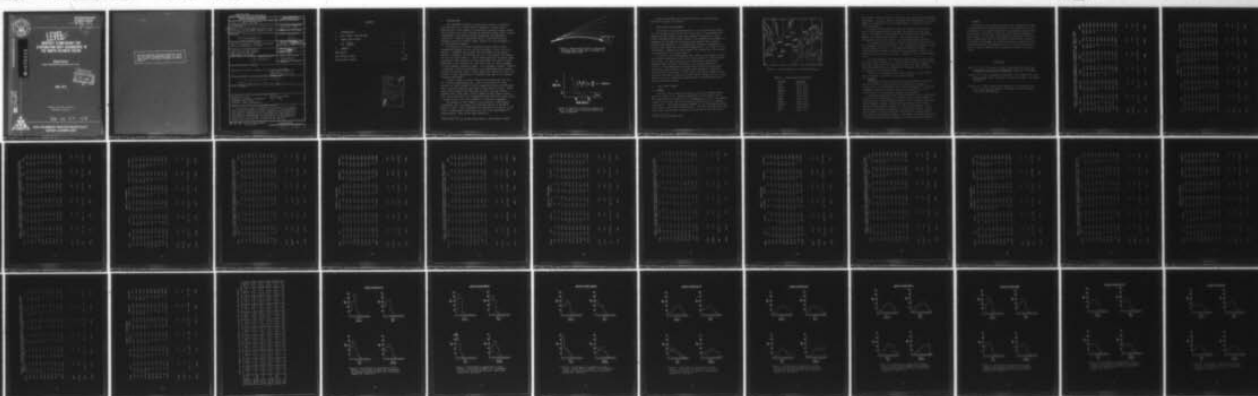
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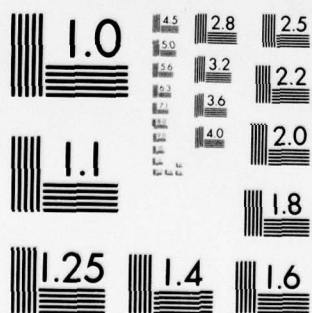
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1. INTRODUCTION

The atmosphere adjacent to the ocean surface is generally characterized by a strong vertical gradient in water vapor pressure due to the process of evaporation from the ocean surface. This gradient can cause trapping of microwave energy under certain combinations of microwave system parameters and atmospheric conditions. Known as evaporation ducts, these near-surface trapping regions are nearly always present in varying depths in the maritime environment.

The degree to which an evaporation duct affects signal propagation depends not only on duct thickness, but also on the emitter's frequency and antenna and the height of the target. Generally, however, the thicker the duct, the greater the bending of the rays (wave fronts) -- hence the greater the tracking range. Knowledge of the thickness of the evaporation duct gives a great advantage to any surface unit that uses radar or radio equipment in the microwave frequency region. As an example, Figure 1 depicts a situation in which the presence of an evaporation duct greatly extends the smaller vessel's radar detection capability, while the carrier's radar experiences no extended range due to its antenna frequency and height.

Figure 2 shows a typical refractivity profile for the case of a shallow evaporation duct. This is the region of sharp decrease in N with height in which radar/radio rays are refracted with a curvature greater than that of the earth's surface. After they reflect upward from the ocean surface, the rays refract downward until they again reflect upward off the ocean surface -- this cycle continues until attenuation diminishes the signal below a usable value, or the ray escapes*, or the duct disappears.

The purpose of this report is to provide a climatology of evaporation duct occurrence for selected regions in the North Atlantic Ocean. This information is expected to be useful to the Fleet in operational planning as well as in the development of meteorological input to war game scenarios.

*These ducts are not perfect wave guides; some energy escapes.

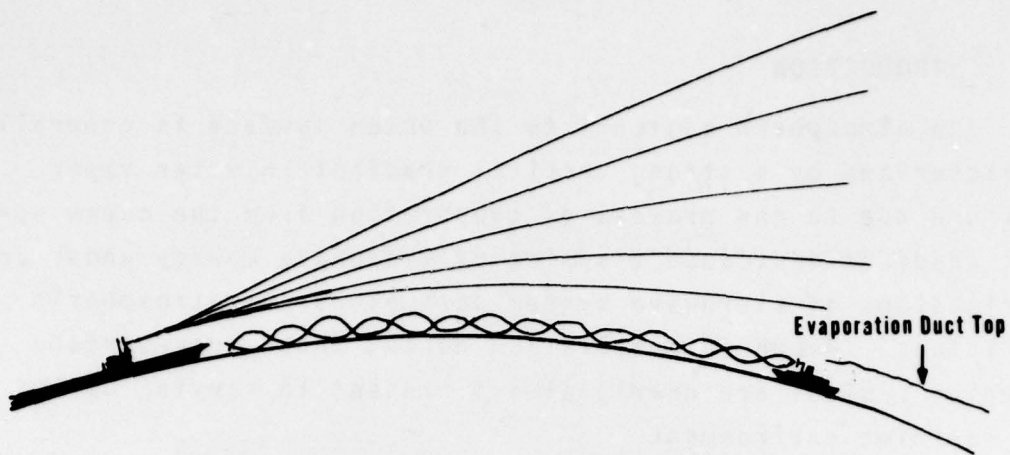


Figure 1. Near-surface emitter experiences extended radar range due to presence of an evaporation duct.

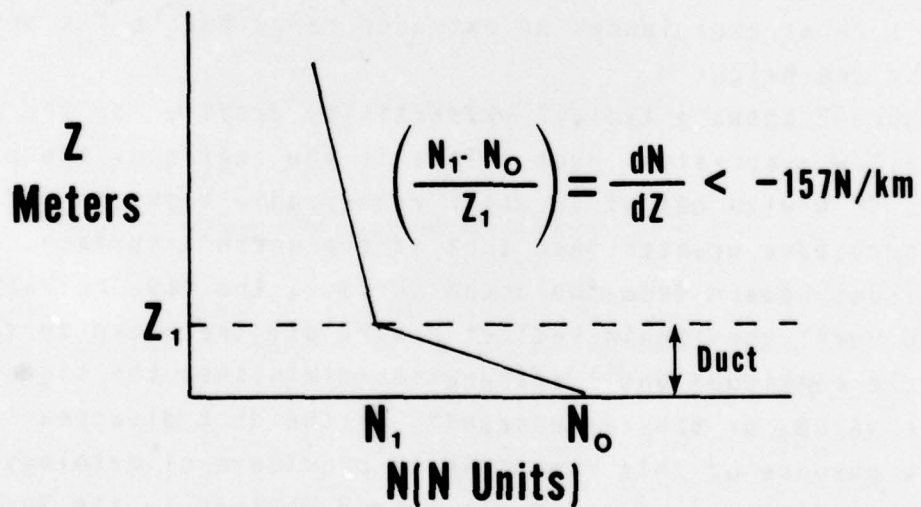


Figure 2. Typical refractivity profile of N vs. height when a shallow evaporation duct is present.

Data are provided for 10 ocean stations at the locations defined in Figure 3 and Table 1.

2. DUCT HEIGHT CALCULATIONS

The height of an evaporation duct is the calculated distance from the ocean surface to the top of the duct. The procedure for determining duct height, based on a method originated by Jeske (1971) and modified by Hitney (1975), uses boundary layer theory to parameterize the physical processes and requires four surface-observed measurements -- air temperature, dew point temperature, surface wind speed, and sea surface temperature -- as inputs to the calculation. (Because of their number and complexity, the calculation equations are not given here.)

As given in this memorandum, duct height calculations used all the surface observations except for those nearest to 1200 and 1500 local time. In these latter cases, preliminary computations revealed that a diurnal variation in duct height resulted if statistics were generated from observations during the warm part of the day; these diurnal variations were generally strong and statistically significant.* Such diurnal variations appear to be caused by the mass of the ship itself, which, acting like an island, tends to bias air temperature measurements by warming during the day and cooling at night.

3. TABLES AND FIGURES

3.1 Tables

Data for the 10 ocean stations are listed by station and by month in Tables 2-11. Grouped frequencies of occurrence (in %) are given for duct heights in 3 m increments up to 21 m; the larger heights 21-30 m and >30 m are given to contain the less frequent occurrences. The undefined group (UNDEF) is for those observations with zero or nearly zero surface winds. The first column under each month gives the percent frequency distribution of the particular

*Based on a Chi-Square test.

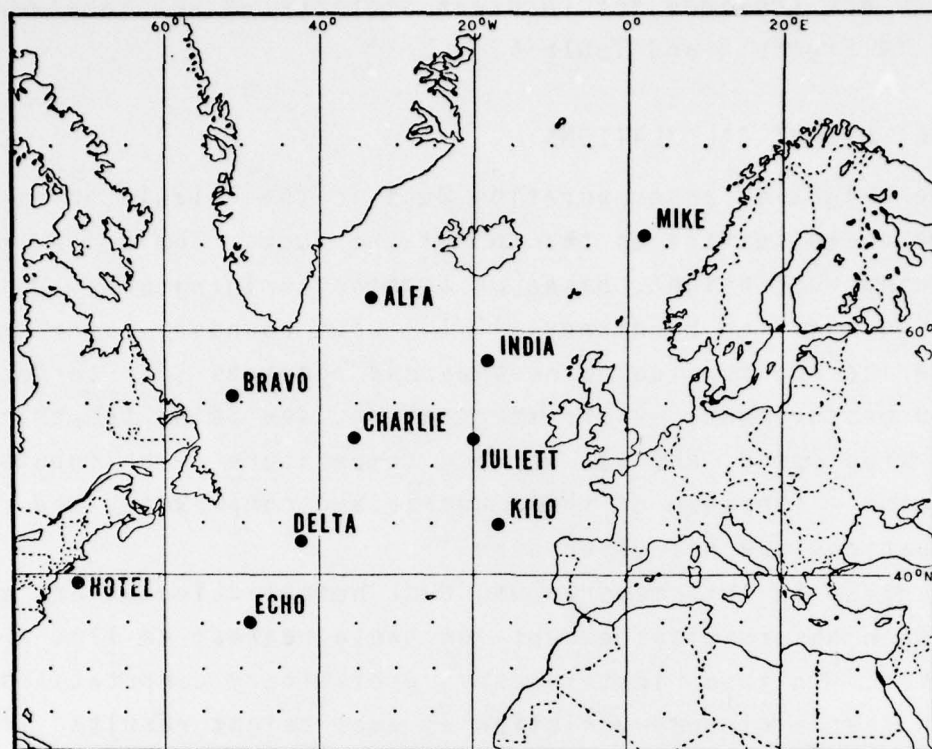


Figure 3. Ocean stations in the North Atlantic.

Table 1. Ocean station locations.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>
ALFA	62°N, 33°W
BRAVO	56°N, 51°W
CHARLIE	52°N, 35°W
DELTA	44°N, 41°W
ECHO	35°N, 48°W
HOTEL	39°N, 71°W
INDIA	58°N, 19°W
JULIETT	52°N, 20°W
KILO	45°N, 18°W
MIKE	66°N, 2°E

duct height, and the second column gives the cumulative distribution percentage. The mean, median, interquartile range (IQR), and total number of observations for the month appear in descending order under each month.

The mean is the average of the duct heights for the given month, and therefore can be strongly influenced by a few high ducts. The median is the height value at which half of the duct heights are below and half above. The median value, less influenced by such rare events, is a more meaningful statistic.

For example, July of ocean station ECHO shows a mean of 20.7 m and a median of 14.7 m (Table 6). The frequency distribution shows a mode between 9 and 15 m. The median therefore is a more representative indicator (statistic) than the mean in this case (notice also the relatively higher frequency of duct heights above 30 m).

The IQR represents the lower and upper bounds for the middle 50% of the duct heights, i.e., 25% of the ducts have heights below the lower number and 75% have heights below the upper number. Therefore, the IQR can be viewed as an indicator of the spread, or variation, of the duct height.

Table 12 is a summary of the median values of duct heights for each month at each of the 10 ocean stations.

3.2 Figures

Histograms of duct occurrence for the mid-months of each of the four seasons at each of the ocean stations are shown in Figures 4-13. The horizontal axis gives duct heights in the nine increments (from 0-3 through >30 m) used in Tables 2-11; the vertical axis is percentage frequency of occurrence.

The mode (group that occurs most frequently) can be determined easily from the histograms; for example, ocean station CHARLIE (Figure 6) has a winter/January mode of 6-9 m, nearly a dual mode. The histograms provide a quick-look overview of distribution shapes and the seasonal changes in these distributions. Using the single mid-month to represent a season gives greater accent to the shift in the distribution from season to season, more so than would a three-month average. The tables of distributions can be used directly for those months not plotted on the histograms.

4. SUMMARY

Evaporation duct height statistics were generated for the 10 ocean stations in the North Atlantic. The objective of this climatology is to provide guidance to operational planners and data input to war gaming, regarding the expected evaporation duct heights in the ocean areas addressed. Seasonal variations can be determined from the histograms (Figures 4-13) showing mid-months' percentages of occurrence of duct heights for the 10 ocean stations. The information given in this report can be used as input to NOSC TD-144 to determine effects on specific radars.

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Table 2. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station ALFA. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT (M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	12.9 12.9	16.4 16.4	18.2 18.2	21.7 21.7	26.1 26.1	33.4 33.4
3-6	31.9 44.8	30.6 46.9	31.0 49.1	31.9 53.5	36.5 62.6	32.4 65.0
6-9	38.0 82.8	36.5 83.4	37.7 86.8	32.6 86.1	26.0 88.6	23.2 89.0
9-12	14.9 97.8	14.0 97.4	11.3 98.2	10.7 96.8	7.3 95.9	6.1 95.1
12-15	1.2 99.0	1.4 98.8	.8 99.0	1.2 98.0	1.0 96.9	.9 96.0
15-18	.0 99.1	.1 98.9	.1 99.1	.2 98.2	.4 97.3	.2 96.2
18-21	0.0 99.1	0.0 98.9	0.0 99.1	.1 98.2	.1 97.4	.2 96.3
21-30	0.0 99.1	0.0 98.9	.0 99.1	.1 98.3	.1 97.5	.2 96.6
>30	0.0 99.1	0.0 98.9	.0 99.1	.3 98.6	.5 98.0	.9 97.4
UNDEF	.9 100.0	1.1 100.0	.9 100.0	1.4 100.0	2.0 100.0	2.6 100.0
MEAN	6.2	5.9	5.7	5.6	5.1	4.9
MEDIAN	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.0	4.5
IQR	4.1- 8.4	3.8- 8.3	3.7- 8.1	3.3- 8.0	2.9- 7.4	2.2- 7.2
TOTAL	4091.	3577.	3915.	3996.	4016.	3805.

Table 2, continued.

HT (M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	26.7	20.6	16.2	15.6	16.2	12.0
3-6	30.1	33.2	26.5	26.4	28.0	27.1
6-9	22.7	27.4	31.0	32.3	35.1	36.4
9-12	6.2	12.0	18.7	18.7	15.5	19.4
12-15	1.1	3.3	4.9	4.2	3.4	3.2
15-18	.4	.5	.9	.3	.4	.1
18-21	.2	.3	.1	.2	0.0	0.0
21-30	.3	.2	.1	.0	.1	0.0
>30	.6	.5	.2	.0	.0	0.0
UNDEF	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3
MEAN	5.0	5.3	6.6	6.5	6.2	6.6
MEDIAN	4.3	5.7	6.7	5.7	6.5	6.9
IQR	2.8-7.3	3.4-8.3	4.0-9.2	4.1-9.1	3.9-8.6	4.4-9.0
TOTAL	3977.	3933.	3811.	4128.	3828.	3969.

Table 3. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station BRAVO. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	13.2 13.2	16.5 16.5	19.4 19.4	22.1 22.1	35.2 35.2	44.3 44.3
3-6	44.4 57.6	46.8 63.3	40.8 60.2	41.4 53.5	39.7 74.9	36.4 80.7
6-9	37.0 94.6	32.4 95.7	34.2 94.4	29.8 33.3	18.9 93.8	13.4 34.0
9-12	4.7 99.3	3.3 99.0	4.5 98.9	4.7 38.0	3.7 97.5	2.5 96.5
12-15	.1 99.4	.1 99.1	.2 99.1	.6 38.6	.3 97.8	.5 97.0
15-18	.0 99.5	.1 99.2	.0 99.1	.1 38.7	.1 97.9	.4 97.4
18-21	0.0 99.5	0.0 99.2	.1 99.2	.1 38.8	.1 98.0	.1 97.5
21-30	.0 99.5	0.0 99.2	0.0 99.2	.1 38.9	.2 98.1	.3 97.8
>30	0.0 99.5	.0 99.2	.1 99.3	.3 33.2	.4 99.5	.3 98.1
UNDEF	.5 100.0	.8 100.0	.7 100.0	.8 100.0	1.5 100.0	1.9 100.0
MEAN	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.3	3.8
MEDIAN	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.1	3.5
IQR	3.8- 7.4	3.5- 7.1	3.4- 7.3	3.2- 7.2	2.1- 6.0	1.7- 5.5
TOTAL	4410.	3891.	4328.	4349.	4346.	4250.

Table 3, continued.

HT (M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	58.4	38.3	38.3	18.7	18.7	12.1
3-6	27.9	86.4	32.5	70.9	26.8	45.5
6-9	8.0	94.3	18.6	89.5	29.7	75.1
9-12	1.4	95.8	5.9	95.4	18.6	93.7
12-15	.5	96.3	1.2	96.6	4.4	98.2
15-18	.2	96.5	.1	96.6	.3	98.5
18-21	.1	96.5	.3	96.9	.1	98.6
21-30	.4	96.9	.3	97.3	.1	98.7
>30	.4	97.3	.4	97.7	.3	99.0
UNDEF	2.7	100.0	2.3	100.0	1.0	100.0
MEAN	3.0	4.4	6.5	6.8	5.9	5.9
1EDIAN	2.6	4.1	6.5	5.9	6.1	5.1
IQR	1.3- 4.8	2.0- 6.7	3.7- 9.0	4.4- 9.2	3.9- 8.1	4.1- 7.9
TOTAL	4442.	4262.	4235.	4473.	4175.	4153.

Table 4. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station CHARLIE. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT (M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	18.2	20.9	26.5	31.0	34.3	39.3
3-6	21.5	24.2	22.0	22.3	22.6	25.3
6-9	30.6	29.0	26.1	24.3	22.2	19.2
9-12	22.4	19.4	17.9	15.9	13.9	9.5
12-15	6.0	4.5	5.6	4.3	3.1	2.1
15-18	.5	.4	.7	.4	.6	.5
18-21	.0	.0	.1	.1	.2	.3
21-30	.1	.1	.2	.1	.4	.5
>30	.2	.3	.2	.5	1.0	1.1
UNDEF	.3	.7	.6	1.0	1.4	1.6
MEAN	6.3	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.6	5.0
MEDIAN	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.2
IQR	3.9- 9.6	3.5- 9.1	2.8- 9.1	2.4- 8.7	2.2- 8.4	1.9- 7.5
TOTAL	4634.	4374.	4532.	4030.	4841.	4748.

Table 4, continued.

HT (M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	46.2	33.2	25.1	20.7	22.4	21.9
3-6	21.4	20.0	17.4	15.0	17.1	15.9
6-9	16.8	20.2	18.0	22.5	24.1	26.3
9-12	7.6	14.4	10.6	23.8	23.5	23.9
12-15	2.7	6.3	13.1	12.7	9.8	9.8
15-18	.8	1.6	4.4	2.8	1.8	1.0
18-21	.3	.6	.6	.4	.0	.2
21-30	.6	.5	.4	.2	.2	.1
>30	1.7	1.0	.7	.4	.3	.5
UNDEF	1.3	1.4	1.0	.6	.5	.5
MEAN	4.3	6.1	7.5	7.6	7.0	7.2
MEDIAN	3.5	5.4	7.2	7.5	7.3	7.4
IQR	1.6- 7.3	2.3- 9.2	3.0-11.2	3.8-11.0	3.5-10.4	3.6-10.4
TOTAL	4940.	4913.	4601.	4757.	4669.	4607.

Table 5. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station DELTA. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	3.7 3.7	4.3 4.3	4.9 4.9	11.5 11.5	15.9 15.9	30.0 30.0
3-6	7.0 10.7	7.9 12.2	8.8 13.7	12.2 23.8	13.8 29.7	15.0 45.0
6-9	11.0 21.7	13.5 25.7	16.2 29.9	15.2 33.0	18.2 47.9	15.3 60.3
9-12	18.5 40.3	19.5 45.2	22.2 52.1	21.4 60.5	18.3 66.2	15.6 75.9
12-15	24.4 54.8	24.5 70.0	23.0 75.2	19.8 80.2	16.3 82.5	11.6 87.5
15-18	20.2 85.0	19.3 83.3	16.3 91.5	12.7 92.9	10.3 92.8	6.4 93.9
18-21	11.0 96.0	8.0 97.3	6.3 97.8	4.5 97.4	3.5 96.3	2.8 96.6
21-30	3.2 99.2	1.6 94.9	1.3 99.1	1.3 98.6	1.1 97.4	1.1 97.7
>30	.1 99.4	.3 99.2	.2 99.3	.6 99.3	1.0 98.3	1.0 98.7
UNDEF	.6 100.0	.3 100.0	.7 100.0	.7 100.0	1.7 100.0	1.3 10.0
MEAN	12.7	12.1	11.5	10.3	9.6	7.7
MEDIAN	13.2	12.6	11.7	10.5	9.3	7.0
IQR	9.5-16.5	8.8-15.8	6.1-15.0	6.2-14.2	5.0-13.6	2.5-11.8
TOTAL	4038	3856	4252	4145	4281	4085

Table 5, continued.

HT(M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	25.6 25.6	13.2 13.2	9.8 9.8	10.4 10.4	8.0 8.0	7.0 7.0
3-6	14.7 40.3	11.7 24.9	8.4 18.2	7.6 18.0	7.7 15.6	7.5 14.5
6-9	18.4 58.7	16.2 41.1	11.7 29.9	9.8 27.8	10.5 26.2	12.2 26.7
9-12	15.3 74.0	16.5 57.6	14.4 44.3	13.6 41.4	14.9 41.0	16.3 43.1
12-15	11.9 85.9	14.6 72.1	16.9 61.3	18.4 59.8	19.1 60.2	21.5 64.6
15-18	5.8 91.7	12.3 84.5	15.6 76.9	16.9 76.6	19.6 79.8	19.0 83.6
18-21	3.1 94.8	6.9 91.4	10.7 87.6	12.2 88.9	12.6 92.4	10.8 94.4
21-30	1.7 96.5	5.8 97.2	9.7 97.3	8.5 97.4	6.6 98.9	5.0 99.5
>30	1.7 98.3	1.5 98.7	1.4 98.7	1.5 98.9	.4 99.3	.1 99.5
UNDEF	1.7 100.0	1.3 100.0	1.3 100.0	1.1 100.0	.7 100.0	.5 100.0
MEAN	8.7	11.4	13.1	13.2	12.8	12.4
MEDIAN	7.6	10.6	13.0	13.4	13.4	13.0
IQR	2.9-12.2	6.0-15.7	7.7-17.6	8.1-17.7	8.7-17.3	9.6-16.6
TOTAL	4133.	4222.	4085.	4316.	4095.	4106.

Table 6. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station ECHO. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT (ft)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-5	1.9	2.1	4.1	4.3	5.1	7.3
5-6	4.4	5.9	6.3	11.0	12.3	10.1
6-9	13.4	12.3	11.0	16.5	19.7	17.5
9-12	16.2	17.3	15.4	18.1	19.2	20.5
12-15	18.6	16.3	17.0	17.5	14.0	17.0
15-18	18.3	16.7	17.4	15.1	10.3	9.9
18-21	14.7	14.1	14.0	9.1	6.2	5.7
21-30	13.7	11.4	10.9	5.0	5.2	4.3
>30	.6	.6	2.0	1.3	4.3	4.8
UNDEF	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2	2.2	3.3
MEAN	14.7	14.1	14.3	12.7	13.2	13.4
MEDIAN	14.3	14.0	14.2	12.0	10.7	11.2
1QR	10.5-19.1	9.7-18.5	9.6-18.7	7.7-16.4	6.9-15.9	7.3-15.8
TOTAL	3572.	3567.	3924.	3877.	3983.	3987.

Table 6, continued.

HT (M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	.6	.0	.1	.1	.7	.7
3-6	2.4	.3	.8	.9	2.0	2.7
6-9	10.0	3.5	3.3	5.0	5.9	6.9
9-12	19.5	32.5	14.2	13.0	12.4	13.3
12-15	13.5	52.0	20.3	38.3	19.0	37.4
15-18	13.7	65.7	19.0	57.3	18.3	55.7
18-21	10.7	76.4	14.8	72.2	15.6	71.3
21-30	9.5	85.9	15.5	87.6	20.4	91.7
>30	9.5	95.4	8.4	96.0	5.2	96.3
UNDEF	4.6	100.0	4.0	100.0	3.1	100.0
MEAN	20.7	22.5	19.3	17.2	17.3	15.1
MEDIAN	14.7	16.3	17.1	16.2	16.3	15.0
IQR	10.9-20.6	13.0-21.5	13.1-21.5	12.2-21.0	11.6-21.2	10.5-19.7
TOTAL	3998.	4075.	3959.	4142.	3953.	3931.

Table 7. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station HOTEL. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	3.2	2.8	3.4	1.1	2.2	9.3
3-6	4.5	3.9	5.5	3.4	6.1	6.2
6-9	11.9	7.8	14.5	10.3	12.7	28.7
9-12	15.7	19.5	34.0	16.5	35.1	17.4
12-15	21.0	56.3	21.5	55.6	22.1	57.1
15-18	19.2	75.5	18.4	74.0	17.1	74.3
18-21	13.0	88.5	13.3	87.3	14.5	88.8
21-30	10.2	98.7	12.0	99.3	10.3	99.1
>30	.3	99.0	.4	99.6	.1	99.2
UNDEF	1.0	100.0	.4	100.0	.8	100.0
MEAN	13.8	14.7	13.8	15.6	16.8	16.4
MEDIAN	14.1	14.2	14.0	14.9	13.7	12.7
IQR	10.0-17.9	10.5-18.2	10.2-18.2	11.1-18.8	9.7-18.6	8.2-18.3
TOTAL	1000.	850.	847.	351.	495.	516.

Table 7, continued.

HT(M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	.3	.4	0.0	.2	.6	2.7
3-6	3.3	.7	.2	2.0	2.1	3.4
6-9	11.6	6.9	3.5	5.5	7.7	7.5
9-12	19.2	17.2	10.3	10.2	13.1	11.6
12-15	25.5	20.6	17.4	15.4	16.2	19.8
15-18	11.9	18.1	19.4	20.5	20.7	20.0
18-21	12.1	16.0	19.0	19.7	15.2	17.6
21-30	7.8	13.9	24.4	23.0	21.5	16.0
>30	6.3	4.4	3.9	2.3	1.6	.9
UNDEF	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.3	.6
MEAN	16.9	17.3	18.5	17.9	16.6	15.6
MEDIAN	13.8	15.7	17.9	17.5	16.5	15.8
IOR	10.5-19.8	12.0-20.1	13.9-21.6	13.4-21.2	12.3-20.9	12.0-19.7
TOTAL	663.	1124.	1015.	1068.	955.	100.

Table 8. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station INDIA. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT (M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	10.3	10.3	9.9	12.5	17.5	21.6
3-6	19.8	20.1	21.2	21.0	25.9	24.5
6-9	36.7	36.1	31.7	30.5	29.7	27.9
9-12	25.6	24.4	26.2	25.4	18.9	18.3
12-15	5.4	7.5	6.7	8.2	4.8	4.1
15-18	.6	.7	1.2	1.0	.6	.5
18-21	0.0	.0	.0	0.0	.1	.1
21-30	0.0	0.0	0.0	.1	.3	.2
>30	.0	0.0	0.0	.1	.6	.6
UNDEF	.6	.8	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.3
MEAN	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.4	6.9	6.4
MEDIAN	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.6	6.7	6.4
IQR	5.2-10.0	5.2-10.0	5.1-10.4	4.8-10.3	3.9-9.3	3.4-9.2
TOTAL	3447.	3141.	3555.	3627.	3721.	3697.

Table 8, continued.

HT(M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	18.4 18.4	15.1 15.1	15.4 15.4	17.5 17.5	11.8 11.6	9.0 9.0
3-6	27.4 5.7	20.2 40.3	22.5 37.9	17.5 35.1	18.5 30.2	17.8 26.8
6-9	29.8 75.5	29.3 69.6	24.9 62.9	25.0 60.1	31.1 61.3	33.9 60.7
9-12	16.3 91.8	19.4 89.0	20.8 83.7	24.1 84.1	26.4 87.7	28.4 89.0
12-15	4.2 96.0	6.2 95.2	11.1 94.3	11.9 96.0	10.3 98.0	8.7 97.8
15-18	1.1 97.1	1.5 96.7	2.5 97.3	2.3 98.3	1.1 99.1	.8 98.6
18-21	.2 97.3	.2 97.0	.3 97.6	.2 98.5	.1 99.2	0.0 98.6
21-30	.2 97.5	.2 97.2	.1 97.7	.1 98.5	0.0 99.2	.0 98.5
>30	.6 98.0	.6 97.8	.2 97.9	.1 98.6	.1 99.2	0.0 98.6
UNDEF	2.0 100.0	2.2 100.0	2.1 100.0	1.4 100.0	.8 100.0	1.4 100.0
MEAN	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.7
MEDIAN	6.4	7.0	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.1
IQR	3.7- 8.9	4.2- 9.8	4.3-10.7	4.3-10.9	5.2-10.6	5.7-10.5
TOTAL	3929.	3767.	3557.	3710.	3455.	3441.

Table 9. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station JULIETT. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	15.2	12.4	17.4	18.4	17.1	27.3
3-6	16.7	15.7	23.1	19.4	20.9	20.3
6-9	24.3	26.1	54.3	26.1	23.0	20.2
9-12	26.0	26.3	80.6	22.8	22.8	18.2
12-15	13.6	15.3	95.0	9.3	11.0	8.6
15-18	2.7	3.2	93.2	1.7	2.2	1.9
18-21	.3	.2	99.3	.3	.4	.4
21-30	0.0	0.0	99.3	.1	.3	.2
>30	.0	.0	99.4	.4	.3	.6
UNDEF	.7	.6	100.0	1.6	1.9	1.8
MEAN	7.8	8.2	7.0	7.2	7.5	6.6
MEDIAN	8.2	8.5	7.1	7.4	7.6	6.3
IQR	4.8-11.1	5.4-11.4	4.0-10.2	4.0-10.5	4.1-10.8	2.7-10.1
TOTAL	3991.	3561.	3912.	3755.	3774.	3742.

Table 9, continued.

HT(M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	23.7	18.7	20.9	19.7	12.3	15.9
3-6	19.4	16.0	17.3	15.5	16.5	16.8
6-9	22.8	22.4	18.8	19.6	22.3	23.0
9-12	18.2	20.2	18.1	21.3	25.5	26.2
12-15	10.0	13.1	14.6	15.3	16.2	14.3
15-18	1.8	4.3	6.3	6.4	5.3	3.0
18-21	.6	1.0	1.9	.7	.8	.2
21-30	.5	.5	.3	.1	.1	0.0
>30	.9	.7	.3	.2	.0	0.0
UNDEF	2.1	2.1	1.4	1.2	.9	.5
MEAN	7.2	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.5	7.8
MEDIAN	6.9	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.9	8.3
IQR	3.2-10.5	4.1-11.5	3.7-12.0	4.0-11.9	5.3-11.8	4.6-11.2
TOTAL	3877.	3733.	3834.	3664.	3828.	3734.

Table 10. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station KILO. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	17.1 17.1	8.9 8.9	14.3 14.3	12.9 12.9	15.5 15.5	13.1 13.1
3-6	16.4 33.6	14.3 23.7	20.5 34.9	17.7 30.6	14.6 35.1	21.9 35.0
6-9	16.9 50.4	14.5 43.1	20.7 55.5	21.2 51.7	22.7 57.8	22.5 57.6
9-12	15.0 61.4	22.4 65.0	19.8 75.3	24.0 75.8	19.4 77.2	17.0 74.6
12-15	15.4 83.3	19.2 84.7	15.0 90.3	13.6 89.4	13.5 90.7	12.8 87.4
15-18	11.3 95.1	11.2 95.4	6.8 97.1	6.7 95.0	5.1 95.8	5.2 92.5
18-21	2.9 97.9	2.0 97.7	1.2 98.3	1.2 97.2	1.1 96.9	2.0 94.5
21-30	.7 98.0	.5 98.4	.4 98.7	.3 97.5	.5 97.4	1.3 95.9
>30	.2 98.8	.2 98.6	.1 98.9	.5 98.0	.9 98.3	1.6 97.5
UNDEF	1.2 100.0	1.4 100.0	1.1 100.0	2.0 100.0	1.7 100.0	2.5 100.0
MEAN	6.8	9.7	8.2	8.5	8.2	9.0
MEDIAN	8.9	9.9	8.2	8.8	8.0	8.0
IQR	4.4-13.3	6.2-13.5	4.6-12.0	5.1-11.9	4.4-11.7	4.6-12.1
TOTAL	2912.	2616.	2906.	2850.	2908.	2480.

Table 10, continued.

HT (M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	10.4 10.4	7.0 7.0	9.3 9.3	8.4 8.4	7.7 7.7	14.6 14.6
3-6	14.3 24.7	11.2 19.1	11.4 20.7	10.8 19.2	10.6 18.3	15.3 29.9
6-9	20.6 45.4	19.2 38.2	16.9 37.6	16.8 36.1	15.2 33.5	19.9 49.8
9-12	21.5 66.8	19.7 58.0	17.9 55.5	17.3 53.4	18.8 52.3	18.0 68.4
12-15	15.1 81.9	18.9 76.9	16.7 72.2	19.8 73.2	21.7 74.0	15.0 83.4
15-18	8.0 89.9	10.9 87.8	12.0 84.2	13.7 85.9	15.4 89.4	10.3 93.7
18-21	2.9 92.8	5.2 93.0	6.5 90.7	6.8 93.7	6.5 95.9	3.6 97.3
21-30	1.9 94.7	3.1 95.1	4.6 95.3	3.0 96.8	2.5 98.4	1.0 98.3
>30	2.5 97.2	1.1 97.3	2.0 97.3	1.1 97.6	.5 98.9	.6 98.9
UNDEF	2.8 100.0	2.7 100.0	2.7 100.0	2.2 100.0	1.1 100.0	1.1 100.0
MEAN	10.8	11.1	11.6	11.3	11.4	9.2
MEDIAN	9.6	10.8	11.1	11.4	11.6	9.0
IQR	6.0-13.6	6.9-14.7	6.8-15.7	7.0-15.4	7.3-15.2	5.0-13.3
TOTAL	2873.	2787.	2740.	3108.	2952.	2800.

Table 11. Monthly percentage frequencies of occurrence of duct heights,
ocean station MIKE. Data presentation discussed in text, Para. 3.1.

HT(M)	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
0-3	6.2	5.1	7.9	11.4	14.0	21.3
3-6	25.8	23.2	27.8	32.0	33.5	28.2
6-9	42.3	44.9	40.3	38.1	36.0	33.2
9-12	21.4	21.4	20.1	15.1	12.3	11.3
12-15	2.7	3.1	2.0	.9	.9	1.1
15-18	.1	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1
18-21	0.0	0.0	.0	.1	0.0	.1
21-30	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	.1	.2
>30	0.0	0.0	.1	.1	.2	.1
UNDEF	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.3	3.0	4.4
MEAN	7.1	7.2	6.4	6.3	5.9	5.5
MEDIAN	7.3	7.4	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.0
IQR	5.2- 9.1	5.6- 9.2	4.8- 8.9	4.3- 8.5	4.0- 8.3	3.4- 8.3
TOTAL	3637.	3212.	3574.	3400.	3635.	3488.

Table 11. continued.

HT(M)	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
0-3	18.6 18.0	18.1 18.1	15.7 15.7	14.4 14.4	10.4 10.4	6.1 6.1
3-6	31.0 49.6	27.0 45.1	25.8 41.5	22.8 37.2	24.3 34.7	23.4 29.5
6-9	32.5 82.0	31.0 75.1	29.3 70.8	34.0 71.1	36.0 70.7	40.4 69.9
9-12	12.1 94.1	16.1 92.2	20.9 91.6	21.2 92.3	22.9 93.6	24.2 94.1
12-15	1.9 95.9	4.0 96.2	5.0 96.5	5.7 98.0	4.8 98.4	4.0 98.1
15-18	.1 96.0	.4 96.6	.6 97.2	.7 98.7	.2 98.6	.2 98.3
18-21	.1 96.1	.1 96.7	0.0 97.2	0.0 98.7	.0 98.7	0.0 98.3
21-30	.2 96.3	.2 96.8	.0 97.3	.0 98.7	0.0 98.7	0.0 98.3
>30	.2 96.5	.1 97.0	.0 97.3	0.0 98.7	.1 98.7	.0 98.3
UNDEF	3.5 100.0	3.0 100.0	2.7 100.0	1.3 100.0	1.3 100.0	1.7 100.0
MEAN	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.3
MEDIAN	6.0	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.5
IQR	3.6- 8.4	3.8- 8.9	4.1- 9.6	4.4- 9.5	4.8- 9.6	5.4- 9.5
TOTAL	3576.	3818.	3675.	3722.	3602.	3308.

Table 12. Median values of duct heights (in meters) by month by ocean station.

Ocean Station	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
ALFA	6.4	6.3	6.1	5.7	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.7	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.9
BRAVO	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.0	4.1	3.5	2.6	4.1	6.5	6.9	6.1	6.1
CHARLIE	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.2	3.5	5.4	7.2	7.8	7.3	7.4
DELTA	13.2	12.6	11.7	10.5	9.3	7.0	7.6	10.6	13.0	13.4	13.4	13.0
ECHO	14.8	14.0	14.2	12.0	10.7	11.2	14.7	16.8	17.1	16.2	16.3	15.0
HOTEL	14.1	14.2	14.0	14.9	13.7	12.7	13.8	15.7	18.9	17.5	16.5	15.8
INDIA	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.6	6.7	6.4	7.0	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.1
JULIETT	8.2	8.5	7.1	7.4	7.6	6.3	6.9	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.9	8.3
KILO	8.9	9.9	8.2	8.8	8.0	8.0	9.6	10.8	11.1	11.4	11.6	9.0
MIKE	7.3	7.4	7.1	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.5

OCEAN STATION ALFA

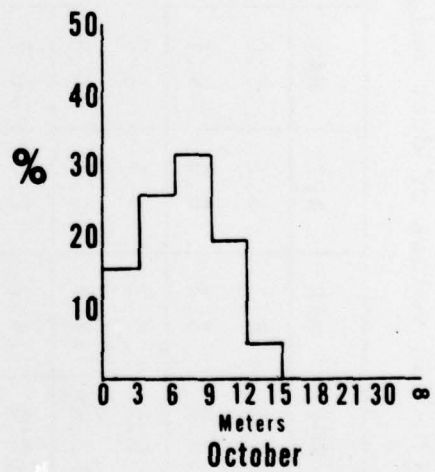
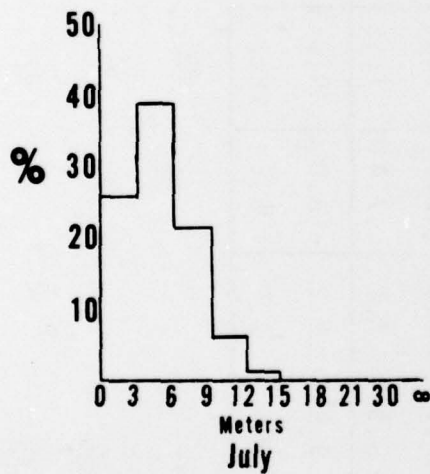
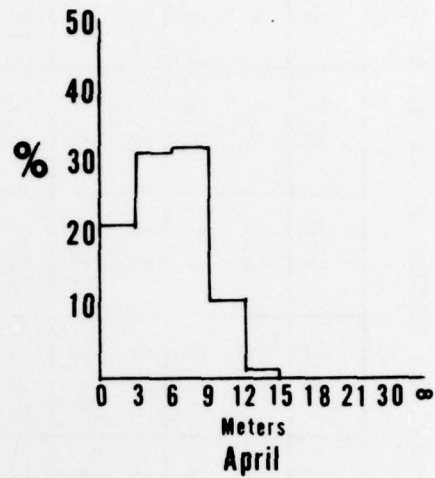
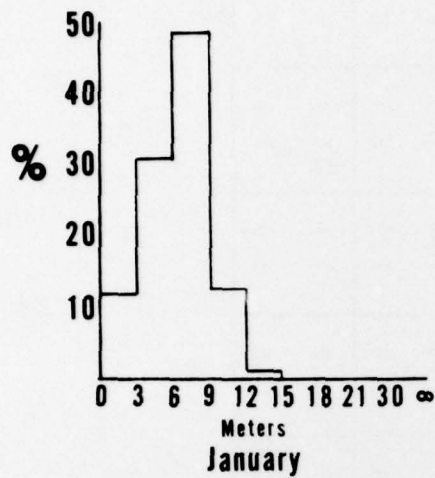


Figure 4. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station ALFA, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).

OCEAN STATION BRAVO

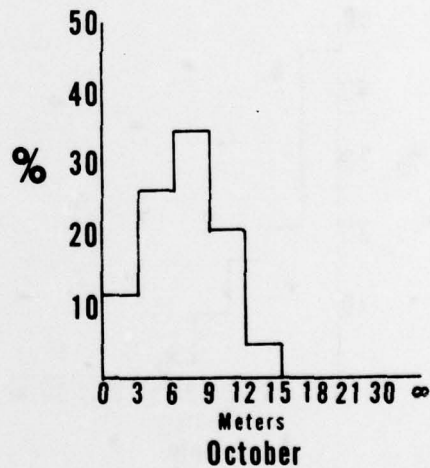
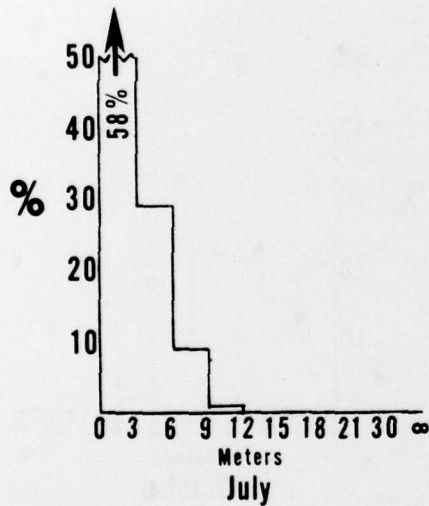
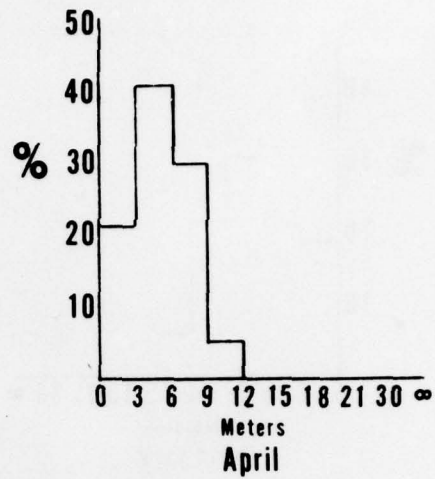
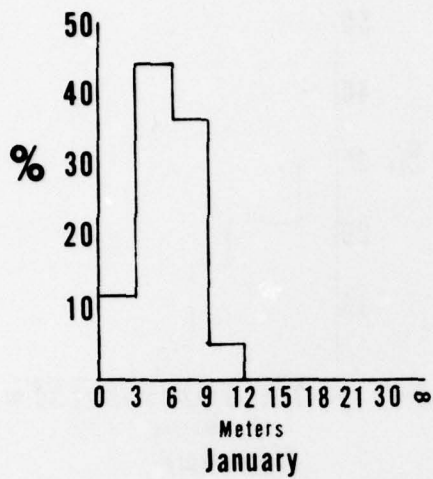


Figure 5. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station BRAVO, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).

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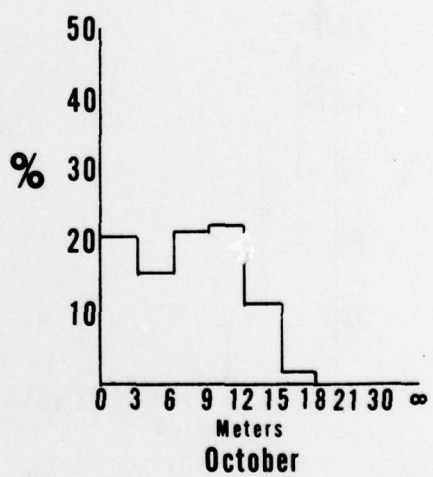
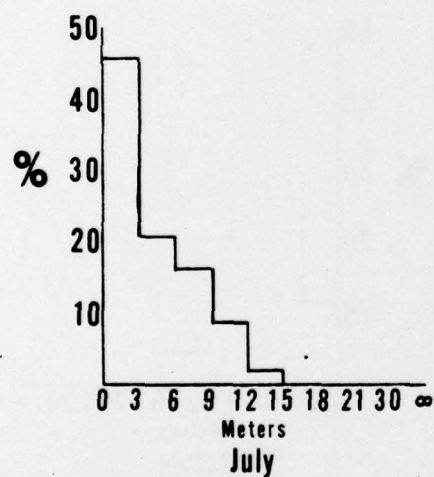
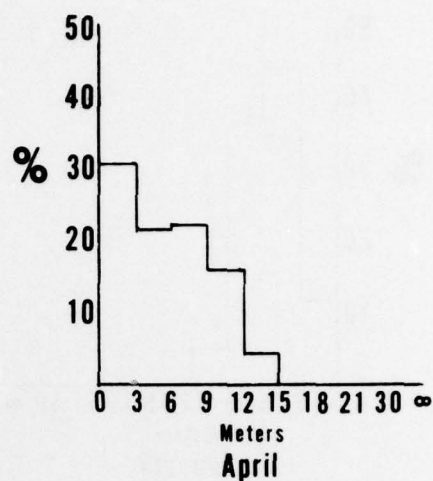
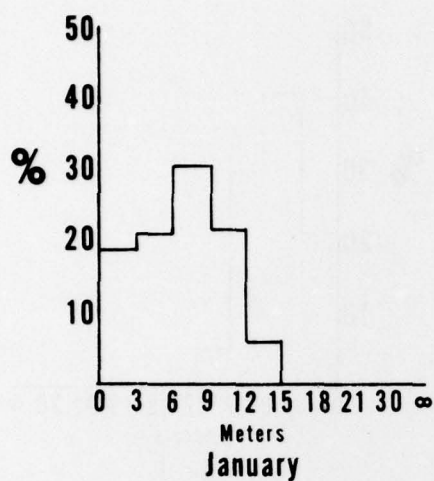


Figure 6. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station CHARLIE, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).

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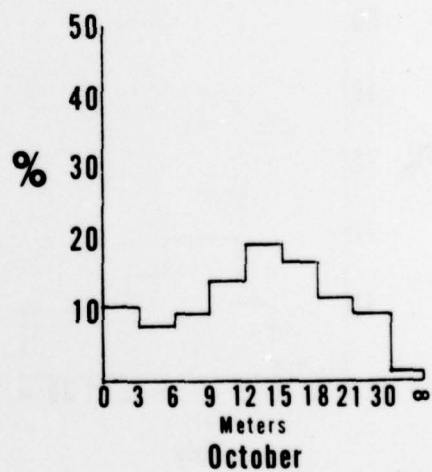
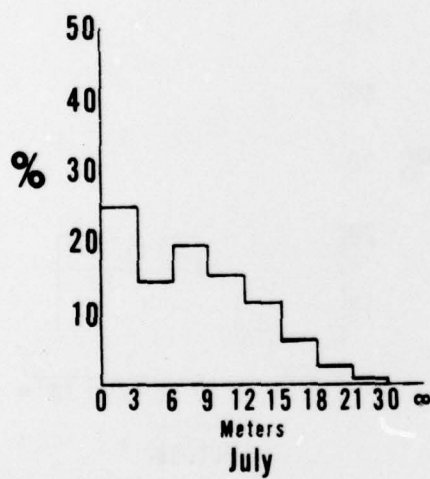
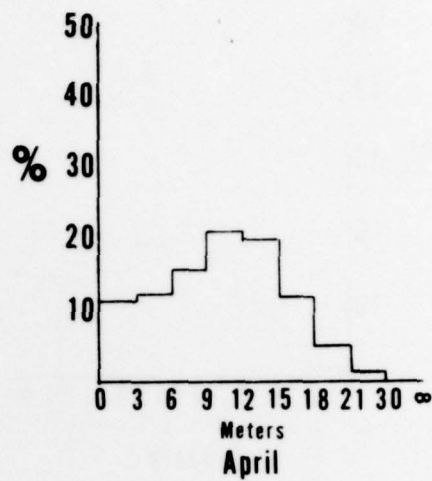
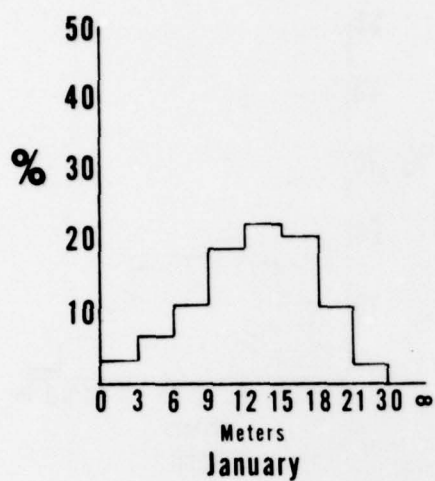


Figure 7. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station DELTA, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).

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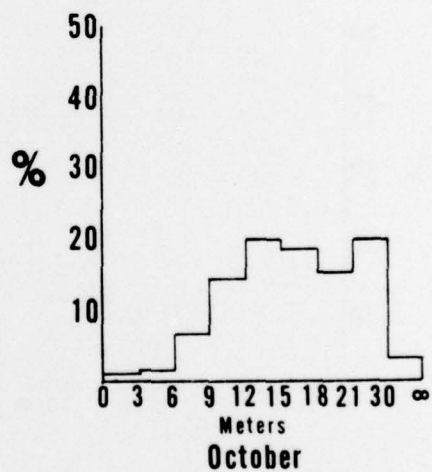
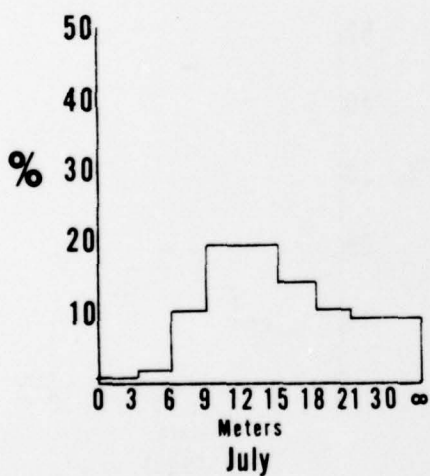
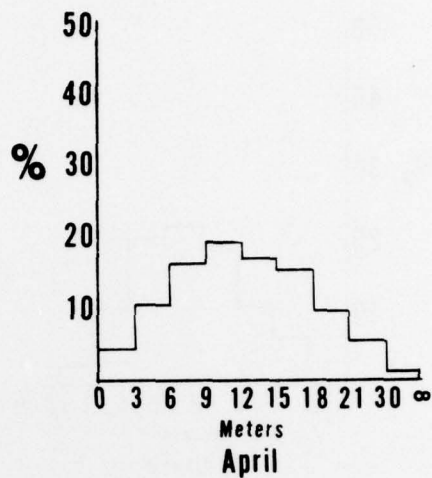
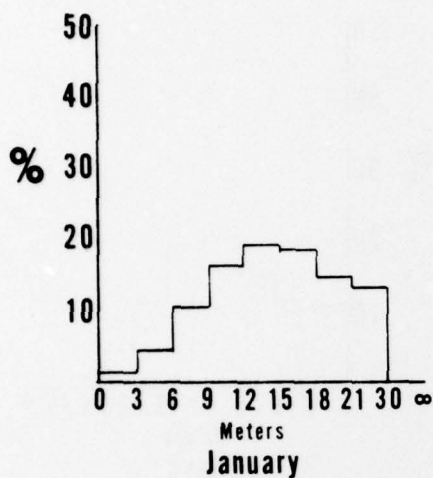


Figure 8. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station ECHO, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).

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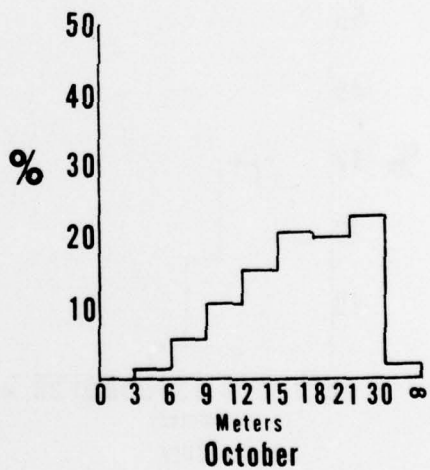
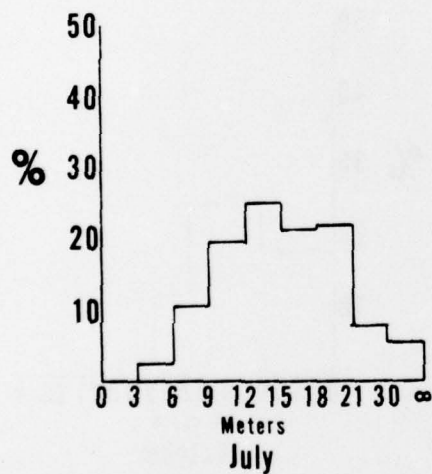
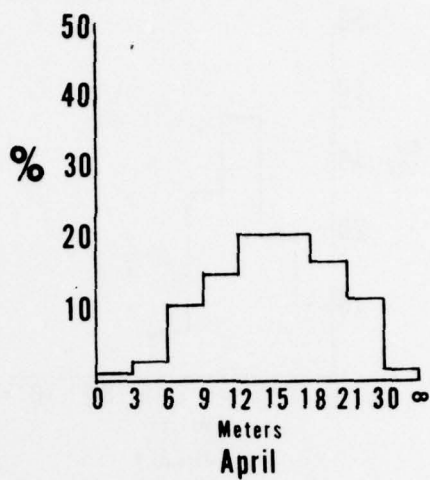
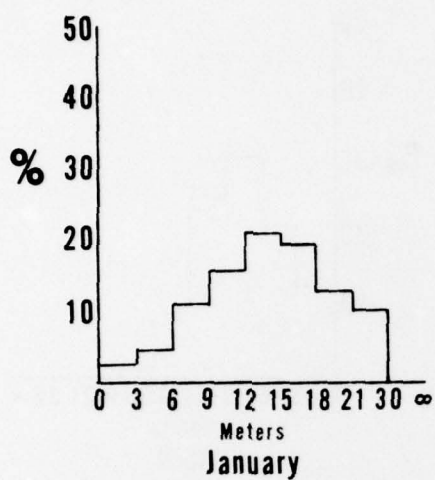


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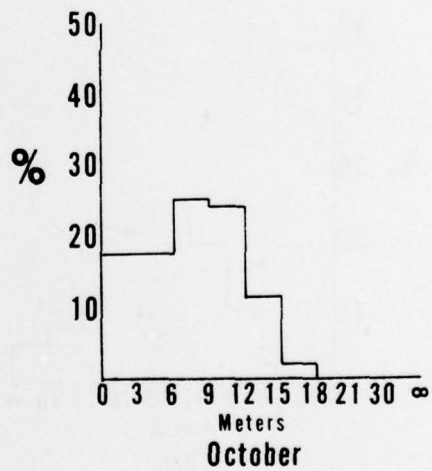
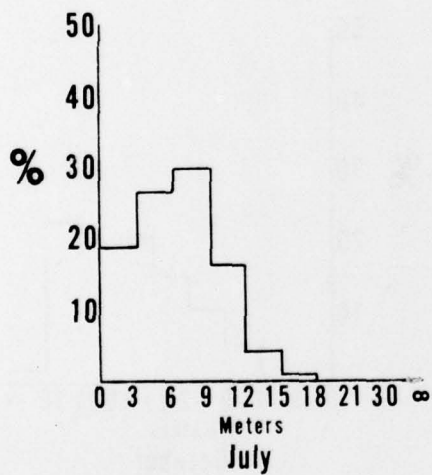
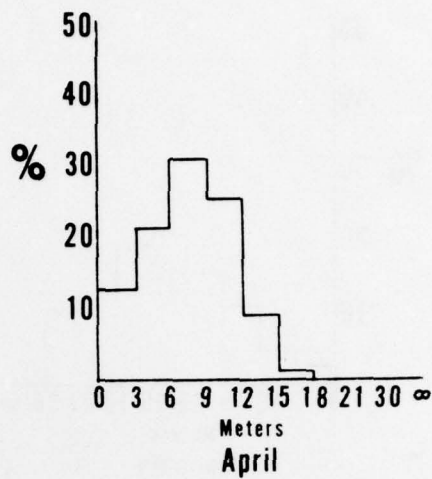
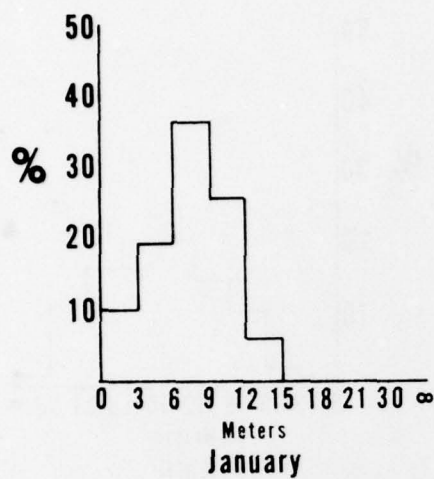


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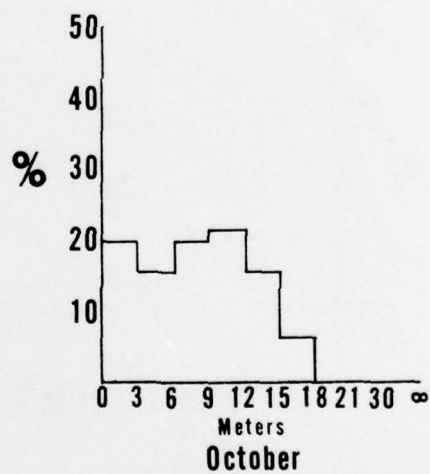
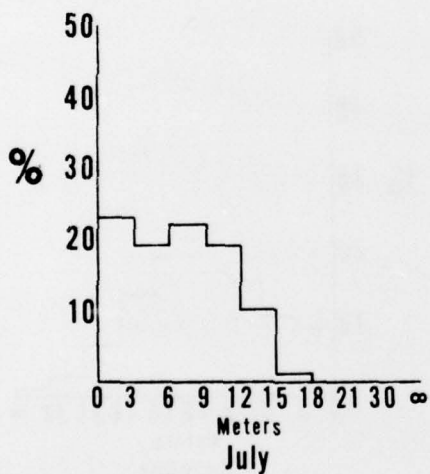
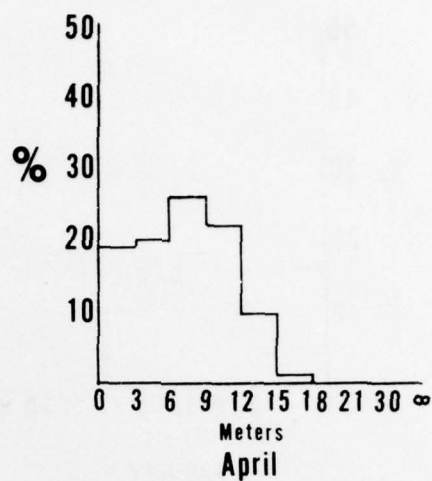
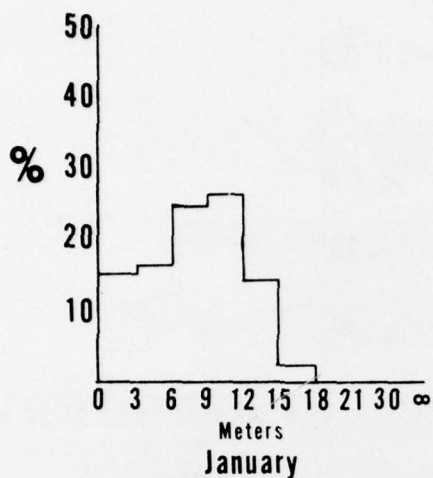


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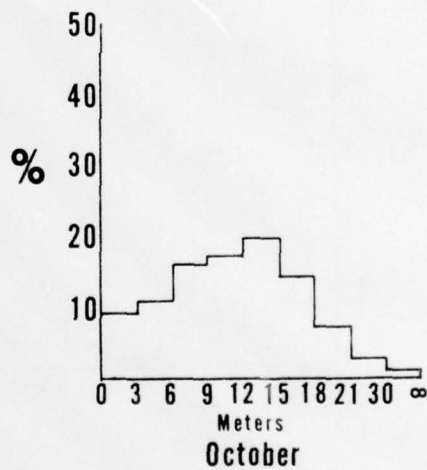
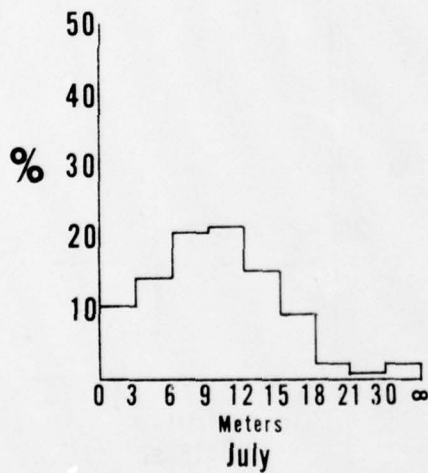
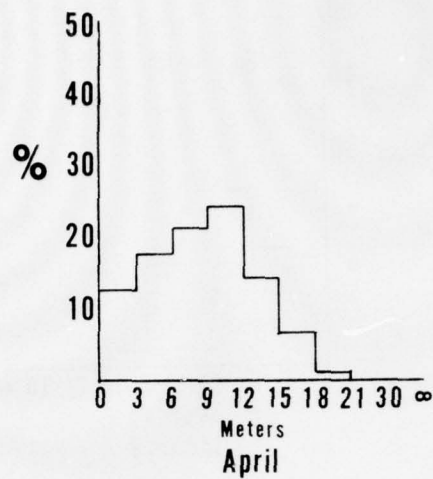
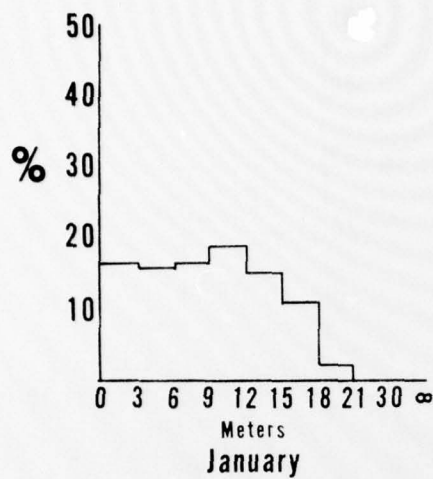


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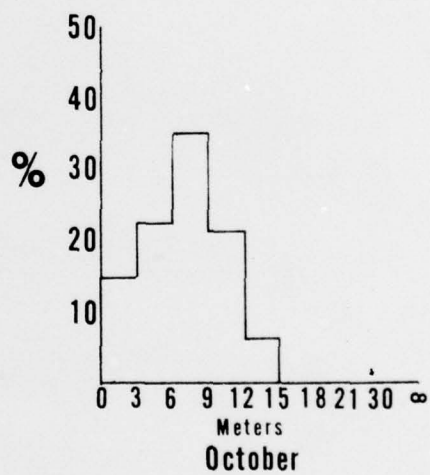
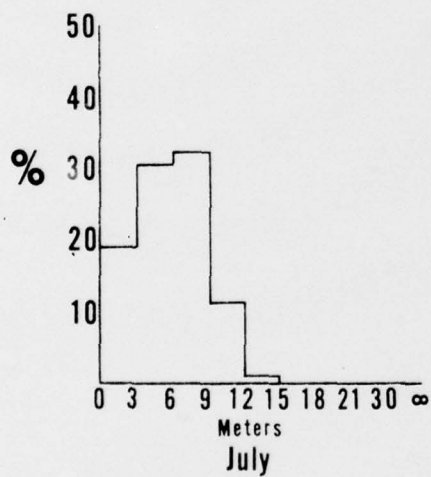
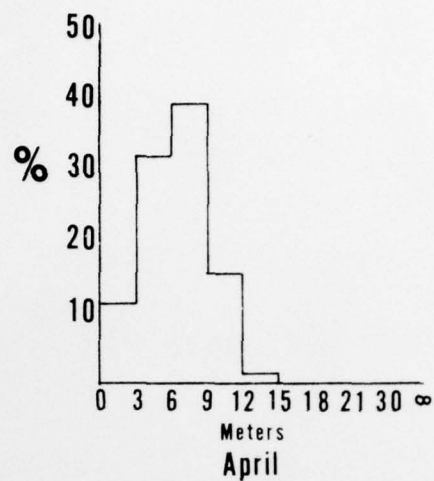
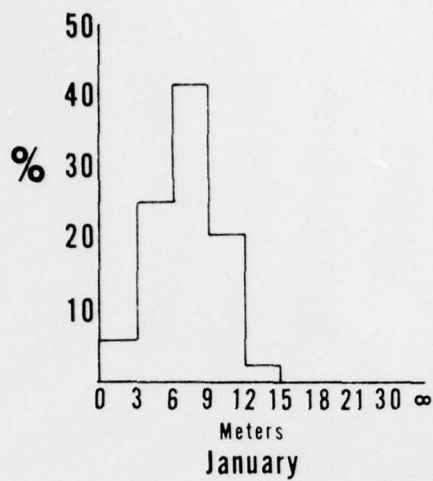


Figure 13. Percentages of occurrence of duct heights, ocean station MIKE, for mid-months of the four seasons (winter-Jan, spring-Apr, summer-Jul, fall-Oct).



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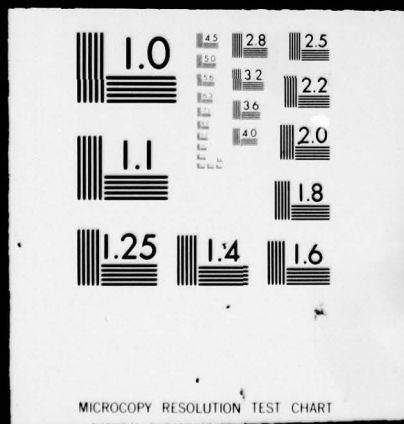
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Eq. (1) should read $\Delta N = N_w(T_a) - N_w(T_d)$

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adding Δ in Eq. (1), and deleting repeated expression $-\frac{e(T_a)}{T_a^2}$ in Eq. (2).

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